

HOUSE BILL 2705  
By Ferguson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 10, relative to constables.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-10-119(b)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following;

(2) Shirts of either dark brown or white, at the discretion of the constable, displaying a patch of a design approved by the Tennessee constable association or the Tennessee constable commission.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-10-120(a), is amended by deleting the last sentence in the subsection and by substituting instead the following:

When adopted for use by a county constable, the stripe design and other emblems and lettering shall conform to the official uniform markings adopted by the Tennessee constable association or the Tennessee constable commission on file with the director.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-10-120(d), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(d) Any constable operating a patrol car and using the lights described in this section must have graduated from the last calendar date in-service sponsored by the Tennessee constable association or the Tennessee constable commission.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-10-201, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

The Tennessee constable association of the Tennessee constable commission shall develop and maintain a series of in-service education courses to be offered routinely throughout the year in the various divisions of the state. These courses shall

be offered at nights or on weekends so as not to interfere with the constables' other full-time work. Courses offered shall contain information pertinent to the various aspects of civil and criminal process, firearms certification, and other issues relative to the powers and duties of constables. Costs of the courses will be paid by the constables unless state or local funds are made available. Upon completion of the in-service course, the Tennessee constable association or the Tennessee constable commission will issue a certificate of completion to each officer.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-10-203, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Constables must be range-qualified prior to being authorized to carry a firearm. Qualification may be sponsored by the Tennessee constable association, the Tennessee constable commission, or by the local law enforcement authority.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-10-205, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

The county election commission shall notify the Tennessee constable association or the Tennessee constable commission within sixty (60) days of election of the constable. Where the constable is appointed by the county legislative body, the county clerk shall notify the Tennessee constable association or the Tennessee constable commission within sixty (60) days of appointment of the constable. The commission or county clerk shall provide the name of the county constable, the constable's current address, and telephone number.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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